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Inquiry: I have a question concerning any legal regulations, (Title 22 or other), that pertain to or require acute care facilities in the state of California to have Respiratory Care Managers that are Respiratory Therapists to oversee Respiratory Care Departments. There is growing concern that Administration at this facility as a cost cutting measure would like to consider elimination of the management positions in some of the ancillary service departments and lump them under nursing. Any information on this issue would be appreciated.

Response: Regarding your inquiry concerning any legal regulations, (Title 22 or other), that pertain to or require acute care facilities in the State of California to have Respiratory Care Managers that are Respiratory Therapists to oversee Respiratory Care Departments, please be advised that the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) does not regulate administrative issues relative to who oversees hospital departments. Inquiries related to the interpretation of Title 22 should be forwarded to the Department of Health Services. Their address and telephone number is as follows:

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